Friends of the Voluntown Library NEWSLETTER

FOCUS ON FRIENDS

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Library Hours

MONDAYAND THURSDAY, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, 10:30 A.M.-7:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY, 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.
SATURDAY: 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.
Closed Sunday

Library Assistant, Sharon Geer, reads to preschoolers from Voluntown Elementary School during a class visit on June 10, 2011.

Photo courtesy of Emily Allard

Dear FRIENDS of the Voluntown Public Library,

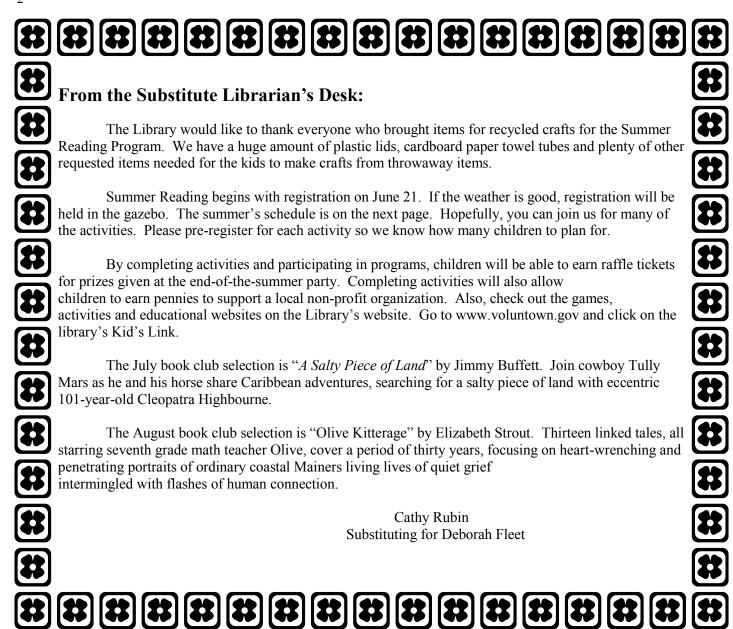
The Community Calendar holds many wonderful opportunities as the warmer weather slowly returns. Picnics, trips, music, suppers and the Library's Summer Reading Program. As Dr. Seuss said, "Oh, the places you'll go!" Check it out...and enjoy!

We gladly report that our graphics consultant, Paula Jordan, is recuperating from a successful surgery. We are grateful that all went well.

Summer means school is out, so please keep a close eye out for our children. If you have an elderly neighbor, please keep them in mind as the heat becomes a danger and check on them occasionally. Protect yourself as well from summer's little annoyances, like mosquitoes and ticks. Use sunscreen, wear sunglasses and a hat! We like having all of you around to read our little town's newsletter! And remember, if you would like to place an ad here, call Anne Olsen at 860-376-2370

Until next time...

Diana Ingraham and Anne Olsen Co-editors, Focus on Friends Paula Jordan, Consultant





Voluntown Library will be closed the following holidays:

- ~Monday, July 4, 2011 (Independence Day)
- ~Monday, September 5, 2011 (Labor Day)
- ~Monday, October 10, 2011 (Columbus Day)
- ~~Tuesday, November 8, 2011 (Election Day)

One World, Many Stories

Voluntown Public Library's 2011 Summer Reading Program

June 21*	10:30 - 7:30	Registration at the town gazebo
June 28*	1:30	Six Paca Farm Alpacas – at the town gazebo
July 5	3:00 - 3:30	Hispanic week stories
	3:30 - 5:00	Hispanic week crafts
July 12	11:00 - 12:00	Story time and crafts for 2 and 3 year olds
	5:30 - 7:30	Henna artist (Grades 6 and up - Limit 12)
		Permission slip required
July 15	3:00 - 3:30	Asian week stories
	3:30 - 5:00	Asian week crafts
July 19	3:00 - 3:30	African week stories
	3:30 - 5:00	African week crafts
July 26	11:00 - 12:00	Story time and crafts for 2 and 3 year olds
July 29	1:30 - 2:00	Multicultural week stories
	2:00 - 3:30	Multicultural week crafts
August 2	3:00 - 5:00	Animal Embassy - at the Voluntown Fire Station hall
August 9*	5:30 - 6:30	Karate demonstration – at the town gazebo
	6:30 - 7:30	End-of-Summer Reading party
		Raffle prizes! Snacks!

^{*}In case of rain, call the Library at 960-376-0485, check the Library's website at www.voluntown.gov or the Library's Facebook page for cancellation or rescheduling.



UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

SUMMER READING REGISTRATION is Tuesday, June 21, from 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the gazebo. The theme this year is "One World, Many Stories."

YOUNG WRITERS - First Tuesday of the month from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Dates are: July 5, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1 and December 6, 2011.

BOOK CLUB - Second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Dates are: July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9 and December 14.

ADULT WRITERS' CLUB - Fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:15 p.m. Dates are: July 26, August 23, September 27, October 25 and November 22, 2011. There will be no meeting in December.

LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING — Second Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Dates are: July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10 and December 8, 2011.

REMINDER to renew your Friends of the Voluntown Library membership! If you aren't a member already, consider joining us and supporting the Library.

We are currently searching for a Secretary for the Friends of the Voluntown Library. This involves attending four meetings per year to take notes and provide them to the group. If you know of anyone who might be interested in participating with the Friends in this role, please contact me.

Carrie Hovey, President 860-376-4857

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AT THE LIBRARY

NEW MAGAZINES: *Mother Earth News, both print and digital format.

*Family Fun

NEW PASS: *Denison Homestead

*Provided by the Friends of the Voluntown Library. Thank you, Friends!

NEW BOOKS

Memories of Finnish Harlem: 1888-1955; historical details of the first Finnish-American neighborhood in New York City. Many Finnish people came to Connecticut after they left Harlem, especially to Voluntown to become farmers or carpenters. Voluntown residents

Anja and Mauno Laurila took it upon themselves to preserve the Finnish immigration history of Harlem. The Laurilas generously donated two copies to the Voluntown Public Library. If anybody is interested in purchasing this publication, please call the Laurilas at 860-376-0052.

Young Adult, Easy and Juvenile

Theodore Boone: Abduction and Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer by John Grisham
Flat Stanley, Safari Discovery, Egyptian Grave Robbery, Canadian Expedition by Jeff Brown
The Ranch Dog by Ree Drummond
Summer Vacation Fairy by Daisy Meadows
No Sleep for Sheep by Karen Beaumont
Scorch Trials by James Dasher
Chestnut King by N.D. Wilson
Divergent by Veronica Roth
Sisterhood Everlasting by Ann Brashares
Take Me Out to the Ballgame by Jack Norworth
Up, up and away-a book about adverbs by Ruth Heller
Warlock by Michael Scott
What Happened to Goodbye by Sarah Dessen
Grandfather Counts by Andrea Cheng
Greetings from Kiwi and Pear by Joyce Wan

Adult:

Bel-Air Dead by Stuart Woods Dressmaker of Khair Khana by Gayle Tzemac Lemmon Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Jonathan Safra Foer Kingdom by Clive Cussler My Father's Daughter by Gwyneth Paltrow Once Upon a Time There Was You by Elizabeth Berg Salt Marsh Diary: a year on the Connecticut coast by Mark Seth Lender State of Wonder by Ann Patchett Art of Saying Goodbye by Ellyn Bache Ten Beach Road by Wendy Wax Smoking Seventeen by Janet Evanovich One Summer by David Baldacci Quest for the Cure: the science and stories behind the next generation of medicines By Brent Stockwell Greater Journey by David McCullough Maine by J. Courtney Sullivan

Books on CD:

Sidney Sheldon's Mistress of the Game by Tilly Bagshawe The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo by Stieg Larsson The Girl who Kicked the Hornet's Nest by Stieg Larsson The Girl who Played with Fire by Stieg Larsson Smoking Seventeen by Janet Evanovich

From the Selectmen's Office

The Board of Selectmen would like to thank everyone who attended the Town Budget Meeting. Both the Town Government and the School Budgets were approved.

The Selectmen are applying for two STEAP grants. One would be to change the intersection at the junction of Route 165 and Church Street from a "V" to a "T" intersection and the other would continue the work on a new Town garage.

With the start of the summer season, a "Parking Permit" system for the Town beach has been instituted. The permit may be obtained at Town Hall during regular business hours. Out-of-town Connecticut residents will pay \$50 for a season pass and out-of-state visitors will pay \$100 for a season pass. Town residents must obtain a permit for which there will be no charge. The permit fees will be used to help offset the expenses of operating the beach. The parking area will be patrolled to ensure permits are in place.

Unfortunately, lifeguards will not be on duty at the beach this year. The beach has been posted that "Swimming is at your own risk". In addition, "Beach Rules" will be posted and will still apply. Please do not leave children unattended. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable beach season.

I am always available to address your questions or concerns. Please do not hesitate to call the Selectman's office at 376-5880 and I will be glad to help you.

Ronald Millovitsch First Selectman



NEWCOMERS

Thomas and Irene Umphlett Lynne Dadona

Reminder From the Town of Voluntown Inland/Wetland Watercourses Commission

Sawmill Pond will be drawn down during the month of August 2011 to facilitate repairs to the Sawmill Pond Dam.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Joseph R. Theroux, Voluntown Wetlands Agent, at 860-376-6842/

GENERATIONS

FAMILY HEALTH CENTER IS BRINGING HEALTHCARE TO YOU!

Beginning April 7th, 2011, a medical provider will be on a Mobile Medical Unit, every other Thursday at the Town Hall parking lot between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

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Voluntown Elementary School

☆ Dear Friends of the Voluntown Library:

The following items are the latest news and upcoming events for our school:

Eighth Grade graduation was held on June 16th. The following is a list of graduates for the 2010/2011 school year:

Cassandra Lynn Ballato James Michael Bryan Isabelle Nicole Carpenter Kyle Scott DiTietro Jazmin Elena Figueroa Kassandra Beth Gager Brock Johnathon Gaucher Christina Lynn Gluck *Kendra Lee Hazard Bryan David L'Etoile Dylan Jeff Maynard Matthew John Mitchell Julia Marie Roderick Thaweesak Patrick Stowe Bethany Lynn Von Seeberg *Christina Juliana Wyland Mia Nadine Brown Jacob Robert Card James Tyler Credit-Roderick *Heather Marie Edwards Jordan Rebecca Fisher Joshua Alejos Garza Wyatt Alayn Giroux *Christopher Everett Hartman *Kylie Nicole Holland Sarah Elizabeth Lathrop Julia Anne McCartney **Sydney Elizabeth Pepper **Breanna Teddi Salter Dorislee Elizabeth Tanguay

high honors

honors

Recipients of various graduation awards are as follows:

<u>Valedictorian</u> - Sydney Pepper

Principal's Award - Dorislee Tanguay

Historical Society - Dylan Maynard **Art Awards** – Joshua Garza and Tommy Stowe

<u>Library Awards</u> – Kylie Holland and Julia Roderick

VFW Award - Isabelle Carpenter Jason Barrie Award - Kendra Hazard

C.S.E.A. Awards - Christina Wyland and Wyatt Giroux

Deb Davis Memorial Award—James Bryan

Jack W. Wesa Memorial Award – Breanna Salter

V.E.A. Awards – Sydney Pepper and Megan Weir

Computer Awards - Kendra Hazard and Dylan Maynard

Salutatorian - Breanna Salter

*Megan Elizabeth Weir

Superintendent's Award - Sydney Pepper and Dylan Maynard

<u>Special Achievement Award</u> - Kylie Holland Bobbie Seebeck Artist Award - Christina Wyland Music Awards – Megan Weir and Breanna Salter PTO Awards - Kendra Hazard and Dylan Maynard The Mary Anne Nieminen Award - Jazmin Figueroa

Senior Center Awards - Kyle DiPietro and Kassandra Gager

Rita B. Lastaskaus Awards – James Credit-Roderick and Sarah Lathrop

Physical Education Awards – James Bryan and Breanna Salter

P.R.I.D.E Awards - Brock Gaucher and Heather Edwards

<u>Aura Hall Awards</u> – Mia Brown and Sydney Pepper Zachary Gager Award – Cassandra Ballato

Presidential Awards for Outstanding Academic Excellence - Sydney Pepper, Megan Weir and Breanna Salter

Presidential Awards for Outstanding Academic Achievement – Jordan Fisher and Tommy Stowe

The Lucy Peabody Awards - 8th Grade – Heather Edwards, Kendra Hazard, Kylie Holland, Dylan Maynard, Matthew Mitchell, Sydney Pepper, Breanna Salter, Megan Weir and Christina Wyland

The Lucy Peabody Awards - 12th Grade --

--Norwich Free Academy --Dillon Florence, Brett Salter and Marissa Torres

Preschool and 3 Year Old registration for children, who will be three by December 1, 2011, was held on June 23 and 24, 2011, along with Preschool registration for children, who will be four by December 1, 2011. If interested, contact the school at 376-2325 after August 16, 2011. Please bring your child's original birth certificate, shot and physical records and proof of residency with you at the time of registration.

The school's office hours for the summer will be posted on the front door. The first day of school is scheduled for August 31, 2011. We hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer!

> Sincerely, Mary T. Chinigo

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10004 Serving the greater Griswold and Voluntown communities

Our Color Guard and Firing Squad again served and enjoyed the Voluntown Memorial Day parade and program. Most of our marchers are Voluntown residents.

If a Veteran is in need of information regarding V.A. benefits or any other Veteran programs, please call the Post at 860-376-5226.

Planned Events:

September 4 — Family picnic and chicken barbecue with takeout available

September 7 — Post meeting at 7:30 p.m.

September 11 — All-you-can-eat-breakfast

September 20 — Men's steak night

September 28 — Ladies steak night

If you are interested in becoming a member of the V.F.W., served overseas during war or conflict, including SSBS Navy nuclear deterrent patrol insignia, stop by any time. We just need a copy of your DD214. All are welcome. We are located at 263 Taylor Hill Road in Jewett City.

From all of us: May your joys be as deep as the ocean and your sorrows as light as its foam.

Ed Banas



The V.F.W. Firing
Squad from left: Art Ivanick,
Greg Gardella, Lloyd Van
Lanen, Brian Smith, Ray
Kamienski, Mike Deckman
and Cliff Schwery.
Thank you, Gentlemen!

Photo by Matt Dillon

News from Aura Hall

Combining heritage, family and summer is a given in New England. A big "Thank You" goes out to all who supported the Aura Tori /Bake Sale, Accordion Concert and Dance, Chicken Barbecue, and pulla baking! Everyone is happy to share our heritage and commitment to others.

Did you know that the national symbols of Finland are the whooper swan, birch tree, lily of the valley and white rose? Did you know the Connecticut state symbols are the robin, charter oak (white oak) and mountain laurel? These symbols open the door to the deeper meaning of heritage and diversity. Despite our losses of Mrs. Hartikka's sister, Mrs. Hollister and Erik Anderson through "sisu" (Finnish and New England perseverance), we keep the joyful memories and send positive thoughts to families and friends!

By popular demand, the Central Massachusetts Accordionists played music for an enthusiastic audience on May 28^{th.} The delicious chicken barbecue was prepared under the new grill and shelter built by Tyler Rafeldt, with the generous teaching and support of Gene, Ira, Derek, Forrest, Lars and Boy Scout Troop 74. Tyler wrote, "The year long mission showed me that with proper organization, help from others, and a constant motivation to do well, anything is possible. I would like to once again thank everyone who donated their time, money, or support to the project. I'm glad I chose building a barbecue pit and shelter for Aura Hall. I was able to give back to my own town, Boy Scouts and the Finnish community."

Upcoming summer events include:

Saturday, July 16—Joint FAHS/AURA Summer Picnic at Aura Hall, 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 14—Annual Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale, 8:00-11:00 a.m. Enjoy Finnish and American Pancakes and other breakfast treats. Pulla and bake sale items will also be available.

Saturday, September 3—Labor Day Dance

Saturday, September 10—Farmers' Market

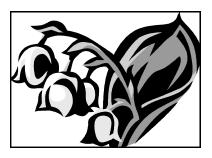
Saturday, October 1—Country Western Night

Saturday, October 28—Annual Adult Halloween Party

Saturday, November 5—Craft and Surprise Sale

Sunday, December 11—Annual Christmas Party, 2:00 p.m.

If you have a desire to explore Finnish culture, gain some agricultural and nature secrets, or just want to have fun, come to our events and meetings. Everyone is always welcome! You don't have to be a member to attend. For more information about our year's events call (860) 376-4833 or 376-1900.



Happy Summer! Lili Rafeldt



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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		5	Libra Libra Bapt	•	Seniors Meeting Hispanic Week Stories and Crafts Young Writers Girls' Survival Camp Centershot Pilot	1:00 3:00-5:00 5:00-6:00 6:00-8:30 6:00-8:00
6	Fire Hous	e		Seniors' Trip—Li	ighthouse Cruise and Dinner	10:00
10	Tamarack	[Johnny Macleod	and the East Coast Rockers	3:00-7:00
12	Library Library Baptist Ch Baptist Ch			Story Time Henna Artist Girls' Survival C Centershot Pilot	•	11:00-12:00 5:30-7:30 6:00-8:30 6:00-8:00
13	Town Hall Library	I		Generations Mol Book Club	bile Medical Unit	9:00-1:00 7:00
14	Baptist Ch Library	nurch		T.O.P.S. Board of Directo	ors Meeting	5:45 6:00
15	Library			Asian Week Sto	ries and Crafts	3:00-5:00
16	Aura Hall			FAHS/AURA Picr	nic	2:00
19	Library Baptist Ch Baptist Ch			African Week St Girls' Survival C Centershot Pilot	amp	3:00-5:00 6:00-8:30 6:00-8:00
21	Baptist Ch	nurch		T.O.P.S.		5:45
23	St. Thoma	as		Spirit of Boston	and Quincy Market Trip	
24	Tamarack			Vince Thompsor	n and Friends	3:00-7:00
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27	Town Hall	l		Generations Mol	bile Medical Unit	9:00-1:00
28	Baptist Ch	nurch		T.O.P.S.		5:45
29	Library			Multicultural Sto	ories and Crafts	1:30-3:30
31	Tamarack Grange			Duncan Earl Wa Membership Dri		3:00-7:00

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1	Fire House	Seniors Meeting	1:00	
2	Library Library Baptist Church	Animal Embassy (held at Fire House) Young Writers Centershot Pilot	3:00-5:00 5:00-6:00 6:00-8:00	August
4	Fire House	Seniors' Trip Music Theatre and	8:30-6:00	48
	Baptist Church	Hart's Turkey Farm T.O.P.S.	5:45	
7	Tamarack	The Hoolios		3:00-7:00
9	Library Library Baptist Church	Karate Demonstration at Gazebo End-of-Summer Party Centershot Pilot		5:30-6:30 6:30-7:30 6:00-8:00
10	Town Hall Library	Generations Mobile Medical Unit Book Club		9:00-1:00 7:00
11	Baptist Church Library	T.O.P.S. Board of Directors Meeting		5:45 6:00
13	Grange Baptist Church	Annual Fair Chicken Barbecue		9:00-2:00
14	Aura Hall Tamarack	Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale Ms. Marci and the Lovesick Hounds		8:00-11:00 3:00-7:00
15		LIBRARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE		
16	Baptist Church	Centershot Pilot		6:00-8:00
18	Baptist Church	T.O.P.S.		5:45
20	Grange	Peach Shortcake Supper		5:00
23	Baptist Church Library	Centershot Pilot Adult Writers' Club		6:00-8:00 7:15
24	Town	Generations Mobile Medical Unit		9:00-1:00
25	Baptist Church	T.O.P.S.		5:45
28	Tamarack	The Cartells		3:00-7:00
30	Baptist Church	Centershot Pilot		6:00-8:00



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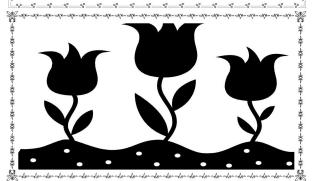


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Scouting Around Town

Pack 74 — Cub Scouts

Scouting is Fun with a purpose!!! Pack 74 Cub Scouts would like to give a Big Thank You to all the Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Webelos leaders, parents and volunteers who helped make this Scouting year fun and successful! We would like to introduce our new Cub Master, Joe Dannibale and our new Assistant Cub Master, Dean Wittwer.

The Tiger Den completed a project making birdhouses for Mothers' Day this year. The Tigers also enjoyed going bowling together and preparing a skit for our end-of-the-year campout.

The Pack's Spring Service Project was to clean up Finn Beach, the Memorial Day parade route and Constitution Field. The Memorial Day Parade was also a great day for our Cub Scouts to show their appreciation and patriotism for our country.

Cub Scouts enjoyed campouts in May and June this year in the Pachaug State Forest. The boys participated in many activities together, including hiking, fishing, kickball, rocket launching, campfire, Pack meetings...and Fun!!

Webelos finished their Naturalist and Engineering badges this spring and look forward to working more closely with Boy Scouts.

Come join the fun of cub Scouting as a family! We welcome all boys ages seven to ten to join our Pack. Joining night for Cub Scouts will be held at Voluntown Elementary on Thursday, September 15. If you would like more information about joining our Pack as a Cub Scout, leader or volunteer, please contact our Cub Master or Committee Chair at 860-564-6122 or vkclements@yahoo.com.

Victoria Clements Committee Chair

Troop 74 — Voluntown Boy Scouts



Eagle Scouts Dillon Florence, Joey Rubino and Tyler Rafeldt are congratulated on their achievements by First Selectman Ron Millovitsch. Also on hand was State Representative Steve Mikutel. Dillon, Joey and Tyler received the highest award in Boy Scouting at a Court of Honor held April 30.

TAMARACK — SUMMER 2011

Hi Everyone,

I'm sure we are all looking forward to the summer! We all deserve some warm weather and relaxation. Tamarack is busy preparing for the upcoming season and looking forward to our Fourth Annual MUSIC & A GRILL series. Come and relax on Tamarack's expansive lawn and listen to the best bands Southeastern Connecticut has to offer. Go to our website at www.tamaracklodgect.com for more details and the bands' schedules.

New this year is our Friday dinners and open mic night. Dine outside under the stars, in our Italian Pergola or in our rustic dining room. Dinner is from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. and the music begins at 7:00pm. See the Friday night menu at www.tamaracklodgect.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTIES begin Thursday, July 7, 2011. Come enjoy Happy Hour Hors d' Oeuvre while they last and, if so inclined, take a dip in the pool, or just relax poolside. Call ahead and we'll reserve your own family's picnic table with our chicken BBQ baskets. Enjoy BBQ chicken, corn on the cob, our own famous cole slaw and potato salad, watermelon and lemonade — all for \$9.95; child's portion, \$5.95. Bring your own lawn games or enjoy horseshoes and volleyball. Fun starts at 4:00 p.m.!

We are also getting ready for a very busy Wedding Season, but remember, we are still available for your birthday pool parties, showers, graduations, company picnics and all your celebratory parties. Just call us at 860-376-0224.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon! Beth



MUSIC & A GRILL 2011 SUNDAYS IN JULY & AUGUST 3PM – 7PM

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SUNDAY, JULY 3 THE HOOLIOS — Americana/Country/Roots Music — www.myspace.com/hoolios

SUNDAY, JULY 10 JOHNNY MACLEOD AND THE EAST COAST ROCKERS — Traditional Blues/Swing/Jazz/R&B/Roots Rock www.johnnymacleod.com

SUNDAY, JULY 17 — TBD

SUNDAY, JULY 24 — VINCE THOMPSON & FRIENDS — Americana/Country/Swing — www.myspace.com/vincethompson

SUNDAY, JULY 31 — DUNCAN EARL WALTERS — Country/Folk/Cajun/Honky Tonk — www.duncanwalters.com

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7 THE HOOLIOS — Americana/Country/Roots Music — www.myspace.com/hoolios

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14 — MS. MARCI AND THE LOVESICK HOUNDS — Classic and Original Blues — www.msmarciblues.com

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21 — CLOSED FOR PRIVATE PARTY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28 — THE CARTELLS — Jazz/Swing/Motown/R&B/Rock & Roll — www.thecartells.com

Admission is \$10with a coupon for \$3 off purchase of food or beverage Children under ten admitted at no charge when accompanied by an adult BBQ fare and full bar available

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Happy Summer From Girl Scout Troop 63134!

Its summertime and the Girl Scouts are enjoying time with their families and hoping to fit in a couple of Girl Scout activities for fun. Plans are in the works!

In June we attended a Spring Camporee at the CCC Camps in Pachaug State Forest. The girls participated in activities with about seventy other Scouts from the surrounding towns. The theme for the weekend was "Westward Ho!". The girls had to construct a "wagon" and travel in it to seven different stations. At each station was a challenge they needed to complete to get clues for directions to the next station. The challenges the girls faced were fun and they even had to ward off the "Nameless Hollow Scout" and the "Beaver Swamp Monster"! The girls learned simple knot tying, first aid, fire building and, most importantly...teamwork!

In July we are planning the end-of-the-year Court of Awards. In addition, there are special plans in the Fall for the Scouts who earned their Bronze Awards.

As always, we encourage all girls who are in kindergarten through high school to join Girl Scouts. We are also looking for adults to help guide and shape the girls through their years in Scouting. If you have any questions, please give me a call (860-376-0364)

Vicki Schwery

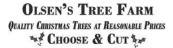


After the Event...

Drive to Survive Truck Show

The Truck Show held Sunday, May 22, 2011 on the Recreation Fields had food, music, games, baskets and **raised \$3,200**! Many thanks are sent out to the vehicle owners, volunteers, those who donated or attended and the Wiese family.

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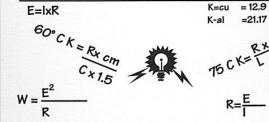
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SENIOR CITIZEN HIGHLIGHTS

On June 6th sixty Seniors enjoyed an Installation of Officers with a buffet luncheon. Afterwards we were treated to a Belly Dancer who encouraged Seniors to participate. A good time was had by all! Officers for 2011/12 are: President Lorraine Magario, Vice-President Pete Lafleshe, Secretary Diana Ingraham, Treasurer Vivian Roode and Assistant Treasurer Jeannette Grabowski. Audrey Grenier will continue as Trip Coordinator. Beth Taylor, Town Agent for the Elderly was thanked for all she does for seniors in town.

On June 22nd 45 Seniors went to Fosters Downeast Lobsterbake, then on to Hampton Beach to see the sand sculptures.

For the July 6th trip, 52 have signed up to go on the Lighthouse Cruise. There is a waiting list for this trip.

Upcoming meeting entertainment will be the Griswold Chorus on July 5. Note change of date for meeting because Fourth of July falls on a Monday. On August 1 we will have an Ice Cream Social with The Spitting Image from Griswold. Thanks goes to our Entertainment Committee, Jeannette, Rose Mary and Joan, for arranging entertainment.

Trip Coordinator Audrey Grenier has the following information for trips. All departures are from the Voluntown Fire Department.

July 6 Lighthouse Cruise and dinner, \$59—10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

August 4 Music Theatre to see "Cabaret" followed by dinner at

Hart's Turkey Farm, \$74, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

September 7 Martha's Vineyard, \$69

October and November trips are still being worked on.

Seniors meet the first Monday of each month at 1:00 at the Fire House. If there is a Monday holiday, we meet the next day (Tuesday). Storms cancel meetings. Light refreshments are served and blood pressure screening is also available.

Anyone who lives in or owns property in Voluntown and is at least 55 years of age is welcome to join. If you have questions or want to sign up for a trip, call Audrey Grenier at 860-376-3869.

Focus on Friends News Deadlines

<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>Article Deadline</u>	<u>Distribution Date</u>
September/October	August 15	September 1
November/December	October 15	November 1
January/February	December 15	January 1

What's Up On the Hill?—Ekonk Community Grange

In the last issue I wrote that Spring had sprung on Ekonk Hill. Well, we certainly had plenty of Spring rains which held farmers across Ekonk from working their fields! This writing finds corn coming up in neat rows, hay fields shorn of their first harvest of 2011 and plenty of fresh strawberries to be picked!

Our Annual Fair will be Saturday, August 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is due to a wedding of one of our active Grangers. Jon Hermonot, a member of the State Grange Agricultural Committee and partner in the Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm business, is getting married the afternoon of the second Saturday of August!

We have also postponed our August Peach Shortcake Supper to Saturday, August 20, so we can attend Jon's wedding. The Peach Shortcake Supper will begin at 5:00 p.m., featuring roast pork at a cost of \$12.

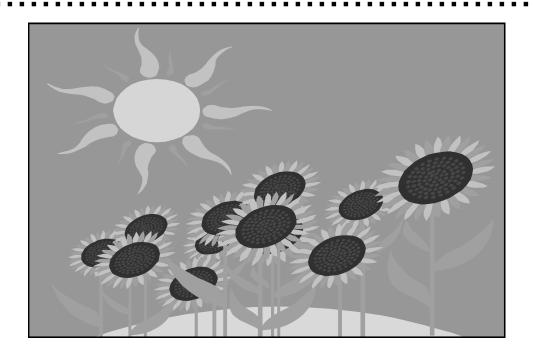
In other news, Betsy Molodich and Rebecca Gervais planted a garden of butternut squash on the Grange property. The produce will be donated to a local soup kitchen.

Congratulations to Presidents-elect J. Allen Cameron of the Subordinate Grange and Trevor Gervais of the Junior Grange. Their installation will be held in the early Fall.

Happy 100th birthday to 78-year Ekonk Grange member Hazel Opperman! A small delegation participated in her birthday celebration and took her flowers from our Grange.

A Membership Drive and supper will be held on July 31 at our hall. If YOU are interested in learning more about our group of community service volunteers, call 860-564-2131 and you will be added to the invitation list. Why not call?

Russell Gray



Fire House Smoke

At its recent monthly meeting, members of the Voluntown Fire Department observed a moment of silence to remember Raymond "Skip" Millar, Jr. and Bernie Jaffraint. Skip was a sixty-year member of the Department, as well as Fire Marshal, Chief of Police and very active in our festivals and town politics. Bernie was a longtime member and very active as an EMT on our ambulance



The Department wishes to acknowledge the achievements of its two newest Emergency Medical Technicians...Vicki Schwery and Emile LePage, Jr. Vicki and Emile join their fellow EMTs to provide emergency medical care to the residents of Voluntown and neighboring communities. Congratulations are also in order for Monique Williams and Harvey Adams for obtaining Firefighter I Certification after months of training at the regional fire school

As a safety reminder to all, residents are asked to clearly post their address number on mailboxes and homes as this is still problematic. Those with shared driveways should also include directional signs to help direct emergency responders to the correct address. In an emergency situation, every minute counts and could make the difference between life and death.

Finally, when you come upon our Fire Police on the roads, PLEASE approach at a slow speed and follow their directions. They are there to keep our emergency responders safe as we respond and tend to emergency scenes. Fire Police are there to keep EVERYONE safe!!

The summer months are upon us, so be sure to include safety in all of your activities. We wish everyone a fun and safe summer season.

Jody Grenier Fire Chief

St. Thomas Travelers

St. Thomas Travelers are offering the remaining trips for 2011:

July 23 Spirit of Boston — 2 1/2 hour tour of historic Boston harbor aboard a 600-

passenger luxury cruiser — seaside luncheon and entertainment, time at

Quincy Market — \$73

September 10 Divine Mercy Shrine at Stockbridge, MA — \$44

October 16-18 Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania — discover the Grand Canyon of PA, a natural

wonder formed over six million years ago. Situated on 165,000 acres, view the Canyon's beauty on an unforgettable wagon ride. Enjoy a

dinner cruise on the Susquehanna River aboard an historic paddle wheeler.

Dine at a fabulous Victorian mansion. — \$419

November 5 Shopping getaway to Vanity Fair and Providence Place Mall — \$27

Everyone is invited to join us. For more information, contact Pat Gwiazda at 860-376-9952

St. Thomas Parish

61 Preston City Road, P O Box 99 — 376-2293 Rev. Augustine Naduvilekoot

Weekend Masses:

St. Thomas: Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

St. Anne: Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses: Monday through Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

except Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Holy Rosary is recited after daily morning Mass, Saturday Vigil and Sunday Mass

Adoration and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament is held every First

Friday of the month from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Solemn Benediction.

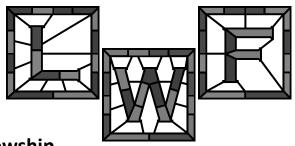
<u>Baptisms</u> are celebrated on Sundays after the 10:30 Mass. Please call the

Rectory in advance. Preparation class is required for all parents.

<u>Religious Education Classes</u> for children are held on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for grades one through ten as per the schedule. Classes are under the direction of the pastor and director, Cathy Becotte—376-8665.

<u>Parish Registration:</u> Catholics moving into the parish should register as soon as possible. Also please inform us of any changes in address or phone number.

For R.C.I.A., Legion of Mary, bereavement ministry, ministers, readers, ushers, pastoral visits, Holy Communion at homes of the sick, social outreach, finance committee, pastoral council liturgy committee, St. Thomas Cemetery, St. Thomas Travelers and other information, visit our office, pick up a bulletin each Sunday or check our website at www.stthomasvoluntown.org.



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SUNDAY

Worship Service is held each week at 9:00 a.m. with coffee and fellowship immediately following the service. Supervised childcare is available during the service.

Children's Sunday School has ended for the season and will resume in early September.

Adult Sunday School is available each week following the service 10:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m.*

Youth Group has ended for the season and will resume in early September.

MONDAY

Women's Bible Study holds their meeting each weeks starting at 6:30 pm. All women are invited and encouraged to attend!

TUESDAY

Girl's Survival Club will be held Tuesdays from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. beginning June 28 and ending July 19. For girls who have completed grades to 8. Please call for info.

Centershot Pilot will be held for boys ages 9 and up and men on Tuesdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Please call for further information and to register.

Women's Group holds their meeting each 2nd Tuesday of the month. You do not have to be an officer to attend these meetings!

WEDNESDAY

Adult Choir is held at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. New members are always welcome!

THURSDAY

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) holds meetings each week at 5:45pm. This is open to anyone interested in joining.

FRIDAY

Children's Playgroup meets each week at 9:30am. Come enjoy adult conversation while the children enjoy playtime with peers. All ages of children welcome!

*There are various Bible Studies held throughout the week as well as Sunday School classes. Contact the church office for a complete list of these studies and the times they meet. Everyone is always invited and welcome to join!!

Summer Vacation Bible School July 26 – July 30, 2010. Everyone is invited to join us for a great week of fun, and fellowship! Call the church office at 376-9485 for details.



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